



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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Missouri Receives \$28.6 Homeland Security Grant

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced Missouri will receive \$28,697,000 to help state and local emergency response capabilities with planning, training, equipment, exercise programs, and some limited funding to offset the costs associated with the enhanced security measures during the heightened threat period. SEMA will be issuing grant guidance information soon.

Law Enforcement Response to Terrorist Incidents Now POST Certified

The Law Enforcement Response to Terrorist Incidents (Awareness Level WMD) course is now available for law enforcement agencies through the Missouri Sheriffs' Association, Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association, and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. This law enforcement WMD Awareness course is based on the Louisiana State University course, however it has been modified to include four hours of Missouri specific law enforcement information. This course is POST certified.

State Emergency Operations Plan Update Contract Awarded

Earlier this year, Missouri received a Homeland Security grant to update the State Emergency Operations Plan. Through a competitive bid process, Tetra Tech, Inc has been selected as the contractor for this project. SEMA staff met with Tetra Tech to discuss the process that will take place to update the State Plan. A briefing will be conducted for State Agencies both to introduce the contractor and to discuss the process of updating the different state agency response plans. The State Emergency Operations Plan update will be completed by the end of August 2003.

EMI Offers Household Hazardous Materials Guide for Citizens

The Emergency Management Institute is offering a web-based home study course – Household Hazardous Materials Guide for Citizens to help minimize home poison exposures. The course is divided into three parts. The first part introduces citizens to basic chemical and physical properties, exposure and chemical effects on the body. The second part focuses on cleaning products, lead, mercury, gasoline, compressed gases, carbon monoxide, medical supplies, chlorine, pesticides and other chemicals routinely found in households. The final section covers labeling information, personal protective equipment, proper disposal methods and preventive measures.

The course is available at: <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS>.

Metropolitan Emergency Managers Safety Publication Lauded

The Metropolitan Emergency Managers *Safety City News* publication will receive an award from the National Weather Service for preparedness messages in the publication. *Safety City News* was distributed at the Greater Kansas City Home Show in March.

Missouri Emergency Management Agency members (in alphabetical order) are Belton, Cass County, Central Jackson FPD, Excelsior Springs, Grandview, Greenwood, Harrisonville, Independence, Jackson County, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Liberty, Lotawana FPD, MARC, North Kansas City, Platte County, Raymore, Raytown, Riverside, West Peculiar, and Weston.

NEW EMD Training Reminder...

New Emergency Management Directors are encouraged to take the *Principals of Emergency Management* course and the *Exercise Design and Evaluation* course their first year as an EMD. These two free classes help the new director understand his role and responsibilities and become a more effective manager for local planning, response, recovery and mitigation activities.

SEMA Training Courses Have Openings

The following SEMA Classes have enrollment openings:

5/5-6/03 *ICS/EOC Interface* (13 openings) CEMA (St. Louis City); 5/6-8/03 *Public Works: Preparing for and Responding to WMD/Terrorism* (37 openings) Cape Girardeau; 5/22-23 *Developing Volunteer Resources and Managing Volunteers* (11 openings) Springfield; 6/3-5/03 *ICS/EOC Interface* (19 openings) Nevada; 6/10-12 *Workshop: RAPID Assessment and Asking for Help* (11 openings) CEMA; 6/10-12 *Multi-Hazards for Schools T-t-T* (7 openings) Cape Girardeau;

6/10-11 *Donations Management* (16 openings) St. Louis Co. EMA; 6/11 *Senior Officials Workshop* (28 openings) Branson; 6/13 *Damage Assessment* (15 openings) Columbia; 6/18 *Workshop: Business & Industry* (17 openings) St. James; 6/24-25 *Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools* (11 openings) St. Louis Co. EMA;

7/8-10 *ICS T-t-T* (11 openings) Branson; 7/9-10 *BNICE* (11 openings) 30 Cape Girardeau; 7/15-17 *Public Works: WMD/Terrorism* (28 openings) St. Louis Co. EMA; 7/29-30 *Disaster Related Needs of Seniors & the Disabled* (7 openings) Kansas City; 7/29-31 *Debris Management* (15 openings) Jefferson City;

8/5-6 *Disaster Related Needs of Seniors & the Disabled* (7 openings) Joplin; 8/12-14 *Effective Communications* (7 openings) Jefferson City; 8/19-21 *Debris Management* (14 openings) Columbia; 8/27-28 *Law Enforcement Response to WMD* (29 openings) Independence; 9/9-12 *Exercise Design and Evaluation* (5 openings) Branson; and 9/24-25 *Community Mass Care* (15 openings) Kansas City.

For more detailed information go to the training link on the SEMA website www.sema.state.mo.us

Free Emergency Management Internet Training

This is a link to the Emergency Management Institute and the National Fire Academy Internet Training Classes – <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>

Awareness Training for First Responders is available free from the University of Missouri at this website – <http://mufrti.org/hazmat>

HMEP Checks Mailed

Please be advised that Applications for Funding from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness fund (HMEP) has been received and have been processed by the Missouri Emergency Response Commission. Checks were mailed to the attention of the County Presiding Commissioner. You will be contacted should the Commission require additional information for final approval of your application.